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**House Finance and Taxation Committee
House Bill 1464**

Chairman Headland and House Finance and Taxation Committee members, the North Dakota Motor Carriers Association (NDMCA), are writing to you in opposition to HB 1464.

A 2018 study by the American Transportation Research Institute found that the North Dakota trucking industry paid approximately \$209 million in federal and state roadway taxes, which is 55% of all taxes owed by North Dakota motorists despite trucks representing only 19% of vehicle miles traveled in the state.

Because of this, the fuel tax increase proposed by HB 1464 will heavily impact the 3,170 trucking companies located in North Dakota, which are primarily small, locally owned businesses.

Further, other options exist to better fund North Dakota's road and bridge infrastructure. These include House Bills 1431 and 1380, which propose utilizing the Legacy Fund to pay for crucial road and bridge infrastructure projects without raising taxes. House Bills 1431 and 1380 will also help to reduce tax burdens on North Dakotans and are our preferred options to increase transportation funding.

NDMCA thanks the House Finance and Taxation Committee for your consideration and urges a **do not pass** recommendation.